THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) No, Sir.

(b) In view of reply at (a) above, question does not arise.

(c) and (d) No, Sir.

(e) In view of reply at (a) above, question does not arise.

Housing of NRIs

3448. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Government propose to ask all the State Governments to hand over surplus land;

(b) whether it is a fact that such surplus land is proposed to be used for housing for Non-resident Indians;

(c) if so, the details of the proposal; and

(d) by when action on this proposal is likely to be initiated?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) No, Sir. Land being a State subject, it is for the State Governments to decide the policy of utilisation of land for development works.

(b) to (d) The Scheme for NRI investment in housing and real estate development stipulate that the approved builders may take up NRI housing schemes on surplus vacant land in terms of the guidelines issued by the State Governments under Urban Land Ceiling Act.

सेना भवन में आग

3449. **श्री शंकर दयाल सिंह** : क्या **शहरी विकास** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या 27 जून, 1993 को सेना भवन में आग लगी थी ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका क्या कारण था उसमें कितना नुकसान हुआ ; और

(ग) क्या इस आग के पीछे किसी विदेशी उग्रवादी का हाथ था ?

शहरी विकास मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री और जल संसाधन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री का अतिरिक्त प्रभार (श्री पी०के० थुंगन): (क) जी, हां ।

(ख) और (ग) दिल्ली अग्नि शमन सेवा तथा केन्द्रीय लोक निर्माण विभाग ने आग का मूल कारण बिजली का शार्ट सर्किट होना बताया है तथा दिल्ली अग्नि शमन सेवा ने एक लाख रुपए की क्षति का अनुमान लगाया है इस घटना से सभी पहलूओं की छानबीन के लिए अदालती जांच के आदेश दिए गए हैं।

Unauthorised encroachments in Gulabi Bagh Government Colony

3450. SHRI RAMENDRA KUMAR YADAV 'RAVI': Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the residents of Gulabi Bagh Government Colony, Delhi have made unauthorised encroachments in Government land;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that notices have been served for these encroachments?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) and (b) The Public Works Department (Circle No. 1) of Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi has reported that 166 allottees of Government quarters, Gulabi Bagh, have unauthorisedly constructed rooms below the balconies. Some of them have projected the rooms even beyond the balcony.

(c) It is reported that notices for such unauthorised constructions are being issued.

Allotment of flats by DDA SC/ST candidates under 'Dr. Ambedkar Awas Yojana

3451. SHRI ANAND PRAKASH GAUTAM: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some flats have been allotted to Scheduled Cast candidates by Delhi Development Authority in Janta, LIG, MIG, categories under Dr. Ambedkar Awas Yojana, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the cost of flats under "Ambedkar Avas Yojana" has been raised, if so, how much and what is the percentage increase with reference to cost proposed at the time of submission of application form, in each category;

(c) whether DDA is permitting to the allottees belonging to SC/ST for payment of so high amount of the flats on hire purchase instead cash down, if so, the number of cases in which permission accorded for payment on hire purchase in place of cash down, and if not, the reasons thereof; and

(d) whether DDA or any other Government agency has arranged sufficient money to provide loans to SC/ST allottees for purchase of these flats on cash down basis, i so, names of such agencies and upto what extent loan would be provided and how a Group 'D' employee can purchase a flat?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) According to DDA the following number of allotment of flats, category-wise, have been made to the registrants under Ambedkar Avas Yojana:—

Janata	867
LIG	444
MIG	NIL

(matter is subjudice)

(b) DDA has not raised the cost of flats under Ambedkar Awas Yojana. Disposal prices of flats is worked out on their completion on the basis of actual expenditure and anticipated liabilities on "No Profit No Loss" basis.

(c) No, Sir. The Authority has imposed a complete ban on change of mode of payment from cash down to hire purchase.

(d) DDA does not provide any loan facilities for purchase of flats. However, Government agencies such as LIC and GIC and others such as HDFC are providing loan facilities for purchase of flats.

Housing Shortage

3452. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India is facing a colossal housing shortage with millions of its people living in slums and squatter settlements;

(b) if so, what is the estimated shortfall of housing units and what is estimated number thereof by the turn of the century; and

(c) what contingency plans are contemplated to meet this grave situation?